

Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2009
Betty Whitehead Room Danville-Pittsylvania CSB

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Esther Goins, Jeff Rodden, Lesa Shelton, Thelma Wright

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Greg Casker, Verna Hendrickson

Other Representatives in Attendance: Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate Senior

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dmhmrssas.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Greg Casker, Jeff Rodden called to order the October 20, 2009 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 4:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 26, 2009 were approved.

Affiliation Requests:

- All Care Family Services: Jim Rosenbaum presented a summary of the programs offered by All Care. The Day Treatment Program will serve children ages 3-13 with a maximum of 50 children. Referrals will be made by the school. They will also offer an after school program and a summer program. The Community Mental Health Support program is for ages 60 and older with mental health or substance abuse diagnoses.
- DPCSB: Jim Bebeau explained to the committee the new Residential Crisis Stabilization Program. This will be a step down/partial hospitalization program serving DPCSB, Southside CSB and Piedmont SCSB. There will be an 8 bed capacity – funding will be provided by Medicaid and State funds. Anticipated date of opening will be May/June 2010.
- Rice Counseling: Mental Health Support Services will be provided. Referrals will be made through Social Services and schools.

Advocate's Report: Roanna Deal submitted the SVMHI seclusion and restraint report for August and September. She also reported that there had been 2 complaints – 1 of which was founded and resulted in the staff member being terminated.

Ms. Deal reminded the affiliates that LHRC reports are due by the 5th of each month. Peer-to-peer reports are due within 24 hours. She informed them that if there was a question of whether to make a report to Social Services, to go ahead and do so and let Social Services decide if it was indeed reportable. A reminder was made that documentation is most important.

SVMHI Peer Advocacy Council Request: The Peer Advocacy Council had submitted a request that Policy #206 be reviewed. Patients are concerned that they are no longer having access to money that is brought in over the weekend. David Lyon, Facility Director, explained that until August of this year residents were getting money as it was received. He explained that we now are following the policy as it was written and have a drop box for deposits. This is a better system to avoid discrepancies. The Peer Advocacy Council has requested that funds be handled by nursing over the weekend. The LHRC asked that Mr. Lyon review this policy and report back on December 1.

Affiliate Reports:

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- Lamono Agency – Rules of Conduct and Written Notice of Rights were submitted to the committee. No complaints or violations were reported.
- DPCSB Intellectual Disabilities – Rena Howard reported 1 complaint that was resolved by staff resignation. There were 2 peer-to-peer incidents with no injuries. The program successfully completed a Medicare/Medicaid review in September with only 3 deficiencies noted. The Immediate Care facility is in progress.
- Wall Residence – A patient's behavior plan was reviewed – improvement is noted. The committee asked that a report be made biannually.

Facility Report: David Lyon reported that the renovation project is going smoothly. One nurses' station and treatment team room is completed. He invited the committee to tour the renovations at the December meeting.

The SVMHI budget has been cut \$700,000. A furlough day and delayed VSRS payment will be among the ways that budget cuts will be met.

Policy #127 – Authorized Representative. Mr. Lyon noted that on section 5 B Human Rights regulations about appointing an AR have been pulled directly from the Blue Book into the policy. This section provides that when a patient's status changes from involuntary to voluntary, the team goes back and reviews the need for an Authorized Representative.

Executive Session: The Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of Next Friend Appointment. Two consumers from DPCSB were appointed Next Friend's. The motion was made and passed that the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.1-3.44.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC unanimously certified that the best of each Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene in Executive Session were discussed in Executive Session.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held December 1, 2009 at 4 PM at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, 382 Taylor Drive, Danville.

Adjournment: 6:10 pm.